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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 : Examiner: L. Scott, Jr.
 Naoto SANO et al.)
 : Group Art Unit: 2828
 Application No.: 09/163,402)
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 Filed: September 30, 1998)
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 For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND)
 EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING :
 THE SAME) July 24, 2002

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	40	MINUS	72	0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	15	0	x \$42 \$84	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$135°/\$270						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

- ☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed including the additional claims fees.
- ☐ Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Extension fee for response within _____ additional months is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 6, 2002, and prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 30-65 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in the application are presented below:

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1. A gas laser device, comprising:
a chamber for sealingly storing a laser gas therein;